

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**v.**

**ADRIAN LAMAR SANDERS,**

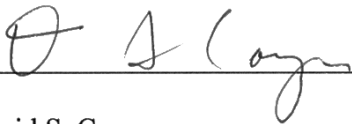
**Defendant.**

“Because the right to choose counsel is not absolute, it necessarily follows that a defendant does not have an absolute right to substitution of counsel. As a general rule, a defendant must show good cause in requesting a new appointed lawyer.” United States v. Mullen, 32 F.3d 891, 895 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1994). Here, Defendant’s complaints do not establish good cause for the Court to appoint new counsel. Based upon the foregoing, the Court finds no basis to remove Mr. Weidner.

Accordingly, the Motion is DENIED. The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to counsel for the parties and to the Honorable Frank D. Whitney.

**SO ORDERED.**

Signed: July 8, 2016

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David S. Cayer  
United States Magistrate Judge

